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WCRL INTERNET LAUNCH

Western Counties Regional Library is proud to announce the arrival of a bouncing new service - public Internet access! The new service was officially launched on Thursday, January 18, at 3:30 PM, at the Yarmouth branch. Following remarks from WCRL Regional Board Chairman Gary Archibald, as well as Provincial Librarian Marion Pape and Regional Director Trudy Amirault, demonstrations and an overall introduction were conducted.

With funding from the Department of Education and Culture, Western Counties Regional Library branches have now been connected to EDnet (the Dept. of Education and Culture's wide area network), and Public Access Terminals have been installed. This means that residents of southwest Nova Scotia now have free access to the Internet at their branch libraries. This is an important milestone in the provision of quality library service, and WCRL is pleased to acknowledge the help and support which the Department of Education and Culture has given! For more information on the public access terminals, please see the Western Counties Regional Library home page (http://rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca/~smacmull/index.htm).

NS UNION CATALOGUE STUDY

The future of the Nova Scotia Union Catalogue and its role in the National Library of Canada's Resource Sharing Strategy is the subject of a study about to begin for the Nova Scotia Provincial Library by a consulting team composed of Beaumont and Associates Inc. and Nordicity Group Ltd. It is hoped that the results will assist in the production of an effective resource sharing network based on international standards of database management and an electronic reporting system.

Nova Scotia libraries have a strong tradition of sharing and a high level of self-sufficiency within the province dating back over 40 years. The Provincial Library has a mandate to promote resource sharing, a mandate which it has fulfilled for some time by maintaining the NS Union Catalogue on the two national systems housed at ISM and National Library of Canada (DOBIS/AMICUS). These holdings include locations of monographs and serials for regional public libraries, NS government libraries, special libraries and some academic libraries.

Recently this environment has changed, as federal government funding cutbacks have necessitated the cessation of reporting to a centralised national union catalogue. This in turn has encouraged the National Library's view of national interconnectivity within a virtual Canadian Union Catalogue(vCuc) to be examined. Such a virtual union catalogue would exploit recent information technology advances such as the Z39.50 standard of client-server technology and in doing so would provide regional/provincial autonomy, a greater cost-effectiveness and easy, comprehensive access to information by all users.

The study will make recommendations on how to facilitate this user friendly, direct end-user access to information about Nova Scotia's library holdings within the national framework. In addition it will examine the possibility of automating the associated interlibrary loan location service for the Provincial Library and its client groups.

Through this study, the Provincial Library hopes to:
- coordinate information on the availability of library materials throughout the province
- determine the appropriate linkages needed to provide automated access to holdings in libraries throughout the province.
- develop a cost effective Nova Scotia resource sharing strategy that is consistent with that of the National Library of Canada.
- automate interlibrary loan location management to Provincial Library client groups across the province.

By meeting these objectives NSPL will be promoting:
- equitable and universal access for users
- learning opportunities as a continuing lifelong process
- intellectual freedom
- high-quality, friendly, efficient, cost-effective services.

CANCOPY

As a prelude to negotiations between CanCopy, the Canadian Association of Large Urban Public Libraries, and the Provincial and Territorial Library Directors Council concerning photocopying licences for public libraries in all provinces except Quebec, CanCopy has contracted Francoise Hebert to conduct a study of copying activities in Canadian public libraries. Francoise also authored a 1987 study on photocopying. The purpose of the study is to determine the proportion of photocopies that may be subject to payment under a licence by estimating the number of photocopiers and exposures and by documenting the nature and number of items copied. The methodology includes a random selection of libraries where photocopying will be logged. Some of the branch libraries may be asked to participate in the survey in February or March. Francoise will contact libraries directly if they have been randomly selected. The survey will log all 35 CALUPL libraries plus 115 small and medium public libraries.

A FOND FAREWELL

The Provincial Library/Learning Resources & Technology van delivery service came to an end on December 21, 1995. This service began 35-40 years ago as a way for Audio Visual Services, as they were then known, to deliver films and repaired equipment to local schools. They brought the service and the driver with them when they moved, in 1973, to share accommodations in the Law Court Building on Spring Garden Road with the Provincial Library. At this time, Audio Visual Services became Education Media Services and the vehicle, driver and delivery service became part of the shared Administrative services provided by the Provincial Library.

Over the years the service expanded from just delivering films to include Nova Scotia Museum kits going to teachers, weekly shipments of library materials to Halifax County Regional Library, frequent trips to Carsand Mosher for the Photography Section and lately to picking-up and delivering computer equipment for the Technology Recycling Program. With the demise of the equipment repair service, the elimination of the film collection, the upcoming amalgamation of the metro area regional libraries and a rethinking of the delivery methods for videos and Museum kits, maintaining the van was no longer feasible.

I know that all of you who have used the van delivery service, will join us in thanking Wayne Pellerine for his cooperation and dedication to the service over the last 20 years and wish him well in his "inside" duties at Provincial Library. -- Betsy Armstrong

STAFFING CHANGES

A big welcome back to Mary Fellows-O'Handley who has returned to work at the Provincial Library after maternity leave. Mary works in Administration at the reception desk and also supports work in User Services.

The welcome wagon also extends greetings to Johanna Cooper who has been appointed to the position of Automation Specialist effective February 19th 1996. Johanna brings to the position seven years of broadly based experience at the University of Waterloo's engineering, mathematics, and science library. Her experience includes the planning and delivery of a variety of user education and staff training programs, as well as a wide range of experience with library and automated systems. Johanna holds a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Toronto. A native Nova Scotian, Johanna looks forward to returning to her roots.

INTERNET SHOW

The NS Department of Education and Culture was one of many exhibitors at the Atlantic Internet Show, January 19 & 20, 1996. The booth featured the Department's new home page which contains a link to NcompasS and to the Nova Scotia Provincial Library's home page. At last year's Internet Show, more than 5,000 people passed through the exhibits! The count for this year's show is not yet known. Libraries were well represented at the booth through the participation of Andrea John and Marion Pape. Visit http://www.coffeeclub.ns.ca/Show/ on the WWW for more information about the Internet Show.

COURS SUR L'INTERNET EN FRANCAIS

De la maison ou du bureau, apprenez a vous servir de quelques outils d'Internet. CIRCUIT-INTERNATIONAL est une liste de diffusion francophone offrant un cours d'Internet pour debutants et debutantes. Ce cours est pour environnement Windows 3.11. CIRCUIT-INTERNATIONAL se donne par le biais de ton courrier electronique et il est reserve a un nombre limite d'inscription. Tu peux

t'inscrire en adressant un message electronique comme suit :
To: MAISER@ACAD.CUS.CA
Subject : laisse cette ligne blanche
Dans le corps de ton message, indique :
SUBSCRIBE CIRCUIT-L

Ce cours s'adresse aux nouveaux internautes, avec ou sans experience, desirant comprendre rapidement et efficacement comment se servir de quelques outils d'Internet. A l'interieur de ce cours d'une duree de 5 semaines, des notions de base avec des termes simples te seront communiquees afin de comprendre comment te servir efficacement de quelques outils d'Internet. Tu auras aussi a faire des exercices de renforcement te permettant d'acquerir des habiletes pour mieux naviguer sur l'autoroute electronique.

Les sites que nous visiterons seront, pour la grande majorite, des sites francophones. Ce cours debutera le 11 mars 1996 avec 2 cours par semaine pour 5 semaines.
Date limite d'inscription : le 29 fevrier, 1996
Cout du cours : 10.00$ (canadienne) par participant + TPS
Pour plus de renseignement, veuillez ecrire a Doris Cormier a dccomnb@nbnet.nb.ca.

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Here are some more WWW sites which might interest our readers. If you know of any interesting sites to include, e-mail me (sdirani@nshpl.library.ns.ca) and I'll list them here.

Children's Literature Web Guide (URL submitted by Glane Gorveatt)
http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown /index.html/
- includes all sorts of information such as resources for parents, resources for teachers, children's book awards, as well as movies and TV shows based on children's books.

The Nova Scotia Legislature (URL submitted by Yvonne Brown)
http://www.gov.ns.ca/legi/
- includes the Status of Bills for bills of the current Legislative Session and the full text of the First Reading of each bill as well as the Monthly Checklist of Provincial government publications.

Internet Public Library's Ready Reference Collection
http://ipl.sils.umich.edu/ref/RR/
- includes dictionaries, directories, and all sorts of other reference-type material available on the Web.

Les Sites WWW Francophones
http://www.village.ca/francais.html< BR> - a very comprehensive (and Canadian!) list of Web resources in French.
- une liste detaillee (et canadienne!) des sites WWW francophones.

Shakespearean Insults by Mail
http://kite.ithaca.ny.us/bymail.html< BR> - OK, so this one isn't really library-related - but it's entertaining (thou bawdy onion-eyed pignut!).

PROFESSIONAL READING

In this month's column, we are featuring two of the latest books to be added to our Professional Collection as well as a very interesting and thought provoking article by renowned author Peter Drucker. Materials mentioned in this column may be borrowed through regular ILL channels.

1) Canada. Information Highway Advisory Council - Connection, Community, Content: the Challenge of the Information Highway: Final Report of the Information Highway Advisory Council. Ottawa: the Council, 1995. (Call # Prof. 384.3 Can)

- In the speech from the Throne on January 18 1994, the Government of Canada announced that it would develop a Canadian Strategy to address the challenges of the information highway. To achieve this end, they created a 29 member Information Highway Advisory Council to advise on fifteen issues ranging from competition to culture, from public access to learning. This final report, 227 pages long, is a summation of the deliberations of the Advisory Council and includes their recommendations.

2) Public Libraries & Literacy: Toward a National Front Line Strategy: Working Together Toward Making Our Vision a Reality: Report of the Canadian Library Association's National Working Summit on Libraries & Literacy, Calgary, Alberta June 14, 1995. Ottawa: Canadian Library Association, 1995. (Call # Prof. 021 .24 Nat)

- This summit arose out of the need for the library profession to share and document library literacy activities across Canada, to achieve concensus on a national long-term strategy for literacy services in public libraries, and to engage in dialogue with the national literacy groups regarding their perceptions and their awareness of library literacy services. The report, which documents current library and literacy activities across Canada, is one of four actions resulting from the summit. Members of this group will also work with the five national literacy groups in providing and promoting literacy, work with established channels in the library and literacy communities and examine the role, structure and operations of the association's own Action for Literacy Group.

3) Drucker, Peter - "The Age of Social Transformation" in Atlantic Monthly, Vol. 274, No.5, Nov. 1, 1994. pp 53-80. This article can be obtained through ILL at the following locations: NSH NSHD NSHS NSHV NSAS NSSX.

- In this article, Drucker suggests that we are living in an "Age of Social Transformation", where a new economic order is emerging in which knowledge, not labour or raw materials or capital, is the key resource. The new "knowledge worker" is replacing the blue collar worker as the dominant force in this new society. Drucker maintains that education will become the centre of the knowledge society and the

school will be its key institution. He also discusses other matters in this article such as the role of management in the new "knowledge society", the school as the society's centre, and the role of government. -- Frank Oram

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